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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1958



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DARFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Divisional Health Office,  
6 Victoria Road,  
BARNESLEY.

September, 1959.

ANNUAL REPORT  
for the Year ended 31st December, 1958.

TO: The Chairman and Members of the  
DARFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my third Annual Report on the health and social conditions of your district for the year ended 31st December, 1958. The character of the Report is similar to that introduced last year, and indeed the statistics remain very much the same. The death rate rose slightly, but such small changes are inevitable when population figures are small and the average rate in Darfield has compared very favourably with the County and with the Country over recent years. The infant mortality rate at 8.6 per 1,000 was the lowest since my records began.

I think mention must be made of the amount of time spent by the Department on work connected with Poliomyelitis Vaccination, and the extremely good response which was made by the people of Darfield. It is also good to know that during the period the number of children immunised against other diseases also rose. There is always a tendency when great stress is laid on one disease, for propaganda in respect of other diseases to lapse. It is pleasing to report that the Council again made progress with slum clearance work during the year.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Members of the Council for their continued interest in all matters relating to the health of the district, my Divisional Health Staff for their willing assistance, and your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, Mr. F. J. Andrews, for his help and co-operation. He has prepared that part of the report dealing with the sanitary circumstances of the district.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. BARNES.

Medical Officer of Health.





# DARFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR 1958

#### Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Area ... ..   | 2,018 acres.  |
| Population (Census 1951) ... ..                                     | 6,238.        |
| Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid 1958 ... .. | 6,540.        |
| No. of inhabited houses at 31st December, 1958                      | 2,125.        |
| Rateable Value as at 31st December, 1958 ...                        | £43,509.      |
| Nett product of a Penny Rate 1958/59 ...                            | £165. 0s. 7d. |
| Coal mining is the principal occupation of the population.          |               |

#### VITAL STATISTICS

##### Population.

At mid 1958 the Registrar General's estimated population was 6,540, as compared with 6,500 at mid 1957. The annual increase of population showing the excess number of births over deaths was 50, 12 less than for the previous year.

##### Live Births

The number of births registered during the year was 116 of whom 56 were males and 60 females. There were 3 illegitimate births or 2.6 of the total births registered.

The Registrar-General again supplied a comparability factor for the births in 1958, which relates the proportion of women of child-bearing age in the district with the proportion in a standard population. The crude birth rate multiplied by the comparability factor gives an adjusted birth rate which is comparable with similar adjusted rates for other districts and with the rate for the country as a whole. The adjusted birth rate for your district was 17.7 per 1,000 estimated population, as compared with 18.1 per 1,000 estimated population for 1957 and with 16.4 per 1,000 estimated population for England and Wales.



## BIRTH RATE

Rate per 1,000 Population

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Darfield</u> |                 | <u>England and Wales</u> |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|             |              |                |              | <u>Crude</u>    | <u>Adjusted</u> |                          |
| 1954        | 51           | 54             | 105          | 16.3            | 16.5            | 15.2                     |
| 1955        | 68           | 57             | 125          | 19.3            | 19.5            | 15.0                     |
| 1956        | 65           | 57             | 122          | 18.9            | 19.1            | 15.7                     |
| 1957        | 66           | 56             | 122          | 18.8            | 18.8            | 16.1                     |
| 1958        | 56           | 60             | 116          | 17.7            | 17.7            | 16.4                     |

## STILLBIRTHS

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Stillbirths</u> | <u>Total Births</u>   | <u>Percentage of Stillbirths</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
|             |                    | <u>Live and Still</u> | <u>to Total Births</u>           |
| 1954        | 5                  | 110                   | 4.8                              |
| 1955        | 4                  | 129                   | 3.1                              |
| 1956        | 0                  | 122                   | 0.0                              |
| 1957        | 1                  | 123                   | 0.89                             |
| 1958        | 1                  | 117                   | 0.85                             |

### Stillbirths.

There was one Stillbirth in your district last year, the same as for 1957. The stillbirth rate was 8.5 as compared with 22.8 for the administrative County and 21.6 for England and Wales.

### Deaths.

The total number of deaths last year was 66 comprised of 34 males and 32 females. The adjusted death rate, which is the crude death rate multiplied by the comparability factor, was 12.5 per 1,000 estimated population as compared with 11.4 per 1,000 estimated population for the previous year and with 11.7 per 1,000 estimated population for England and Wales. The principal causes of death in order of numerical importance were: heart and circulatory diseases, cancer, respiratory diseases.



### Infant and Peri-natal Mortality.

There was one infant death in your area last year, one less than in 1957. This death occurred at the age of one day and was attributable to prematurity.

The infant mortality rate was 8.6 per 1,000 live births as compared with 16.4 for the previous year and with 22.5 per 1,000 live births for England and Wales. Since the one death occurred at the age of one day, the neo-natal rate was 8.6 per 1,000. The illegitimate death rate was Nil. Peri-natal mortality is expressed as the number of stillbirths plus the number of deaths in the first week of life. I give below the records for your district for the past ten years, and although there has been a slight increase compared with last year, this is of no significance and is really only due to the slight decrease in the number of births. Darfield remains extremely healthy in spite of this record and, although we would prefer that your rate was Nil, nevertheless, there is every room for satisfaction in the figures quoted. The Infant Mortality Rate this year is the lowest since my records began.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Live Births</u> | <u>Stillbirths</u> | <u>Deaths in first<br/>week of life</u> | <u>Peri-natal<br/>Mortality</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1949        | 112                | 0                  | 2                                       | 17.9                            |
| 1950        | 107                | 2                  | 2                                       | 36.9                            |
| 1951        | 92                 | 2                  | 2                                       | 42.6                            |
| 1952        | 113                | 5                  | 1                                       | 50.8                            |
| 1953        | 105                | 1                  | 4                                       | 47.1                            |
| 1954        | 105                | 5                  | 1                                       | 54.5                            |
| 1955        | 125                | 4                  | -                                       | 31.0                            |
| 1956        | 122                | -                  | 3                                       | 24.6                            |
| 1957        | 122                | 1                  | 1                                       | 16.2                            |
| 1958        | 116                | 1                  | 1                                       | 17.1                            |



# INFANT MORTALITY RATE

|      |     |     |      |      |     |     |      |
|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|
| 1949 | ... | ... | 62.5 | 1954 | ... | ... | 19.0 |
| 1950 | ... | ... | 18.6 | 1955 | ... | ... | 16.0 |
| 1951 | ... | ... | 21.7 | 1956 | ... | ... | 24.6 |
| 1952 | ... | ... | 8.8  | 1957 | ... | ... | 16.4 |
| 1953 | ... | ... | 38.1 | 1958 | ... | ... | 8.6  |

## Maternal Mortality

I am happy to report that there were no deaths from maternal causes during the year.

## DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS.

|                          | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Under 1 year ... ..      | -            | 1              | 1            |
| 1 - 5 years ... ..       | -            | -              | -            |
| 5 - 10 years ... ..      | -            | -              | -            |
| 10 - 15 years ... ..     | -            | -              | -            |
| 15 - 20 years ... ..     | 1            | -              | 1            |
| 20 - 25 years ... ..     | -            | 2              | 2            |
| 25 - 35 years ... ..     | 1            | -              | 1            |
| 35 - 45 years ... ..     | 1            | 2              | 3            |
| 45 - 55 years ... ..     | 2            | 5              | 7            |
| 55 - 65 years ... ..     | 7            | 3              | 10           |
| 65 - 70 years ... ..     | 10           | 5              | 15           |
| 70 - 75 years ... ..     | 2            | 5              | 7            |
| 75 - 80 years ... ..     | 5            | 5              | 10           |
| 80 - 85 years ... ..     | 3            | 2              | 5            |
| 85 - 90 years ... ..     | 1            | 2              | 3            |
| 90 years and over ... .. | 1            | -              | 1            |
| TOTALS ... ..            | 34           | 32             | 66           |





CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1958

|  | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ...                   | -            | -              | -            |
| 2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..                      | -            | -              | -            |
| 3. Syphilitic Disease ... ..                       | -            | -              | -            |
| 4. Diphtheria ... ..                               | -            | -              | -            |
| 5. Whooping Cough ... ..                           | -            | -              | -            |
| 6. Meningococcal Infections ...                    | -            | -              | -            |
| 7. Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..                      | -            | -              | -            |
| 8. Measles ... ..                                  | -            | -              | -            |
| 9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ... ..   | -            | 1              | 1            |
| 10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach...                 | -            | 1              | 1            |
| 11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus             | 3            | 1              | 4            |
| 12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast ...                 | -            | 1              | 1            |
| 13. Malignant Neoplasm, uterus ...                 | -            | -              | -            |
| 14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... .. | 3            | 6              | 9            |
| 15. Leukaemia, leukaemia ... ..                    | -            | -              | -            |
| 16. Diabetes ... ..                                | -            | -              | -            |
| 17. Vascular lesions of nervous system             | 5            | 4              | 9            |
| 18. Coronary disease, angina ...                   | 9            | 4              | 13           |
| 19. Hypertension with heart disease                | 1            | -              | 1            |
| 20. Other heart disease ... ..                     | 4            | 4              | 8            |
| 21. Other circulatory disease ...                  | -            | 2              | 2            |
| 22. Influenza ... ..                               | -            | -              | -            |
| 23. Pneumonia ... ..                               | -            | 1              | 1            |
| 24. Bronchitis ... ..                              | 2            | -              | 2            |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system ... ..    | -            | -              | -            |
| 26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum                  | -            | -              | -            |
| 27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea             | -            | -              | -            |
| 28. Nephritis and nephrosis ...                    | -            | 1              | 1            |
| 29. Hyperplasia of prostate ...                    | -            | -              | -            |
| 30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion                | -            | -              | -            |
| 31. Congenital Malformation ...                    | -            | -              | -            |
| 32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... ..  | 3            | 4              | 7            |
| 33. Motor vehicle accidents ...                    | 1            | 1              | 2            |
| 34. All other accidents ... ..                     | 2            | 1              | 3            |
| 35. Suicide ... ..                                 | 1            | -              | 1            |
| 36. Homicide and operations of war                 | -            | -              | -            |
| <hr/>  |              |                |              |
| ALL CAUSES   | 34           | 32             | 66           |
| <hr/>  |              |                |              |



# PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1958

## Based on the Registrar General's Figures

|  | <u>Darfield</u><br><u>Urban</u><br><u>District</u> | <u>Aggregate</u><br><u>W. Riding</u><br><u>Urban</u><br><u>Districts</u> | <u>West</u><br><u>Riding</u><br><u>Admin.</u><br><u>County</u> | <u>England</u><br><u>and Wales</u><br><u>(Provisional</u><br><u>figures)</u> |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Birth Rate per 1,000<br>estimated population:  |  |  |  |  |
| Crude     ...     ...     ...  | 17.7   | 16.3   | 16.7   | 16.4   |
| Adjusted     ...     ...     ...   | 17.7   | 16.4   | 16.9   |  |
| Death Rate per 1,000<br>estimated population:  |  |  |  |  |
| Crude     ...     ...     ...  | 10.1   | 12.8   | 11.9   | 11.7   |
| Adjusted     ...     ...     ...   | 12.5   | 13.3   | 13.0   |  |
| Infective and Parasitic<br>diseases excluding<br>Tuberculosis but including<br>Venereal diseases     ... | 0.15   | 0.04   | 0.05   | not<br>available   |
| Tuberculosis:  |  |  |  |  |
| Respiratory     ...     ...  | 0.0  | 0.09   | 0.09   | 0.09   |
| Other     ...     ...     ...  | 0.0  | 0.01   | 0.01   | 0.01   |
| All forms     ...     ...  | 0.0  | 0.09   | 0.09   | 0.10   |
| Cancer     ...     ...     ...   | 2.29   | 2.11   | 1.97   | 2.12   |
| Vascular lesions of the<br>nervous system     ...     ...  | 1.38   | 2.13   | 1.93   | not<br>available   |
| Heart and circulatory<br>diseases     ...     ...     ...  | 3.67   | 5.00   | 4.59   | not<br>available   |
| Respiratory diseases     ...   | 0.46   | 1.4  | 1.33   | not<br>available   |
| Maternal Mortality     ...   | 0.0  | 0.41   | 0.43   | 0.43   |
| Infant Mortality     ...     ...   | 8.6  | 23.2   | 24.4   | 22.5   |
| Stillbirths     ...     ...     ...  | 8.5  | 23.0   | 22.8   | 21.6   |



## SECTION II.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

The Medical Officer of Health is a part-time officer of the Council but is engaged on whole-time Public Health work, being also Medical Officer of Health for the surrounding districts and the Divisional Medical Officer for Division No. 25 of the West Riding County Council. One Public Health Inspector is employed by the Council, he also undertakes the duties of Surveyor.

#### General Hospitals.

The general hospitals serving your district and administered through the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board are given below:

1. United Group Hospitals, Sheffield.
2. The Beckett Hospital, Barnsley.
3. The St. Helen Hospital, Barnsley.
4. The Moorgate General Hospital, Rotherham.

#### Infectious Diseases Hospitals

All infectious diseases requiring hospital admission were admitted to the Kendray Hospital, Barnsley. The ambulance arrangements were the same as for the previous year with the Hospital retaining its own ambulances for this service.

#### Maternity Hospitals

Maternity cases were usually admitted to the following hospitals:

1. St. Helen Hospital, Barnsley.
2. Montagu Hospital, Mexborough.
3. Hallamshire Maternity Home, Chapeltown.
4. Pindar Oaks Maternity Home, Barnsley.

#### Tuberculosis.

Most patients suffering from the disease are admitted to the Wath Wood Sanatorium, and co-operation is maintained with the Chest Physician who holds out-patients' sessions at the Chest Clinic, 46 Church Street, Barnsley. Details of sessions are as follows:-



|            |           |    |                      |
|------------|-----------|----|----------------------|
| Tuesday,   | 10.0 a.m. | to | 12.0 noon (children) |
| Wednesday  | 10.0 a.m. | to | 12.0 noon            |
| Wednesday, | 2.0 p.m.  | to | 4.0 p.m.             |
| Thursday,  | 10.0 a.m. | to | 12.0 noon            |
| Friday,    | 10.0 a.m. | to | 12.0 noon.           |

### Venereal Diseases

The nearest centre for Darfield patients for the diagnosis and treatment of these diseases is in Barnsley.

Address: Special Treatment Centre, Queen's Road, Barnsley.

Other centres are situate at Sheffield, Doncaster and Rotherham, and a patient suffering from Venereal Disease is at liberty to attend at the centre of his choice. Treatment is completely confidential.

### Maternity and Child Welfare Services.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at the Methodist Church, Barnsley Road, on Wednesday afternoons, 2.0 p.m. to 4.0 p.m. Ante-natal Clinics are held in the same premises on Friday mornings.

### Laboratory Service

The laboratory service was provided by the Public Health Laboratory in Wakefield, a national service under the control of the Medical Research Council. The laboratory is equipped to deal with all bacteriological and pathological examinations, and a complete investigation is undertaken and report furnished for every specimen sent for examination.

Samples of milk taken under the Food and Drugs Act for chemical analysis were examined by the Public Analyst at Bradford at the expense of the County Council.

### Ambulance Service

The ambulance service is operated by the West Riding County Council. The depot for your area being at Hoyland, Telephone No. Hoyland 3168 and Hoyland 2112.





### SECTION III

#### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year 52 cases of infectious diseases were notified as compared with 228 in the previous year.

##### Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1958

|                               | <u>Total cases notified</u> | <u>Admitted to Hospital</u> | <u>Deaths</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Measles ... ..                | 4                           | 1                           | -             |
| Whooping Cough ... ..         | 26                          | -                           | -             |
| Scarlet Fever ... ..          | 6                           | 2                           | -             |
| Pneumonia ... ..              | 14                          | 3                           | 1             |
| Erysipelas ... ..             | 1                           | -                           | -             |
| Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic) | 1                           | 1                           | -             |
| TOTALS ...                    | 52                          | 7                           | 1             |

##### Scarlet Fever

6 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified last year as compared with 10 in 1957.

##### Measles

4 cases were reported, as compared with 198 in the previous year.

I feel no comment is needed.

##### Smallpox

No case of Smallpox occurred during the year. The number of infants vaccinated was 73, compared with 64 in the previous year. This figure represents approximately 62% of the infant population, a rise of 10% over the figure for last year. This is a very welcome sign, and I know that you are proud to think that Darfield still heads the list, with the highest percentage vaccinated in the Division.



### Diphtheria and Whooping Cough

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year. 26 cases of Whooping Cough occurred, a big increase compared with the previous year. This is not surprising as the response in 1957 to Whooping Cough immunisation was extremely poor, but at least this minor outbreak served to boost the number immunised against the disease during 1958.

Immunisation against Diphtheria again proved a very popular measure in Darfield, with 88.6% of all children between the ages of 0 - 14 years immunised as against 87.39% for the previous year. 63% of the children in the age group 0 - 4 years and 99% in the age group 5 - 14 years were protected.

91 infants were immunised against Whooping Cough, as compared with 47 in 1957. This represents approximately 77% of the under-one-year population, the latter figure having doubled in twelve months. It is very important that we should not relax our efforts to immunise children in the appropriate age groups against these two diseases.

### Poliomyelitis

One case of Non-Paralytic Poliomyelitis occurred during the year in a boy aged 3 years. This child had been immunised against the disease, but at the date of writing, the only case within the division occurring in a child who has been immunised. It must be emphasised that the disease was non-paralytic and that his immunisation probably saved him from a much more serious illness.

Immunisation against Poliomyelitis continued during the year, with 949 persons receiving two doses. This comprises 837 under the age of 15, 56 young persons and 56 expectant mothers. Taking into account persons previously immunised the total number completed in Darfield by the 31st December, 1958, was 1,332; of whom 1,220 were children under the age of 15 years. At the end of the year the waiting list stood at only 7.

### Food Poisoning

No case of food poisoning occurred during the year.



## Tuberculosis

There were two new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, but no case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year. This is exactly the same as the notification rate for 1957.

It is again a pleasure to report that no deaths occurred from the disease during the year, and although I am extremely anxious to discover an undetected case of the disease, I feel that the lack of mortality is at least some cause for satisfaction.

### TUBERCULOSIS - New Cases and Mortality in 1958

| <u>Age Periods</u> | <u>NEW CASES</u> |          |                      |          | <u>DEATHS</u>    |                      |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------|
|                    | <u>Pulmonary</u> |          | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> |          | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> |
|                    | <u>M</u>         | <u>F</u> | <u>M</u>             | <u>F</u> |                  |                      |
| 0 ... ..           | -                | -        | -                    | -        |                  |                      |
| 1 ... ..           | -                | 1        | -                    | -        |                  |                      |
| 5 ... ..           | -                | -        | -                    | -        |                  |                      |
| 15 ... ..          | -                | -        | -                    | -        |                  |                      |
| 25 ... ..          | -                | -        | -                    | -        |                  |                      |
| 35 ... ..          | -                | -        | -                    | -        |                  |                      |
| 45 ... ..          | -                | -        | -                    | -        |                  |                      |
| 55 ... ..          | 1                | -        | -                    | -        |                  |                      |
| 65 and upwards     | -                | -        | -                    | -        |                  |                      |
| TOTALS ...         | 1                | 1        | -                    | -        | NIL              |                      |



TUBERCULOSIS - Record of Cases during 1958

|  | Pulmonary |        | Non-Pulmonary |       |
|--|-----------|--------|---------------|-------|
|  | M         | F      | M             | F     |
| No. of cases on register at 1st<br>January, 1958     ...    ...    ...   | 27        | 19     | 4             | 3     |
| No. of cases notified for the<br>first time during the year    ...       | 1         | 1      | -             | -     |
| No. of cases restored to register  | -         | -      | -             | -     |
| No. of cases added to register<br>otherwise than by notification         | 1         | -      | -             | -     |
| No. removed to other districts ...                                       | -         | 2      | -             | -     |
| No. cured or otherwise removed<br>from register ...    ...    ...    ... | 1         | 1      | -             | -     |
| No. died from Tuberculosis     ...                                       | -         | -      | -             | -     |
| No. died from other causes     ...                                       | 2         | -      | -             | -     |
| <br>TOTAL at end of 1958     ...   | <br>26    | <br>17 | <br>4         | <br>3 |

TUBERCULOSIS - New Cases and Mortality for the  
past five years

| <u>Year</u> | <u>NEW CASES</u> |                      | <u>DEATHS</u>    |                      |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
|             | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> |
| 1954        | 5                | -                    | 2                | -                    |
| 1955        | 2                | 3                    | 1                | -                    |
| 1956        | 5                | 2                    | 1                | -                    |
| 1957        | 2                | -                    | -                | -                    |
| 1958        | 2                | -                    | -                | -                    |





SECTION IV

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1958.

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Darfield Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1958. Progress was particularly noticeable in slum clearance when 50 families were re-housed into the Cliff Road Housing Site from the slum clearance areas which had been declared in Low Valley where 58 houses were demolished.

New pumps were installed in the Cliff Road Pumping Station and the Park extension was completed.

July was a particularly black month when serious flooding took place in the Darfield Bridge area, resulting from exceptional rainfall. The Council set about the task of feeding, re-housing and making as comfortable as possible under the circumstances some 54 families, and the personal efforts made by Councillors, Officials and Workmen were a credit to the Urban District. Without the invaluable assistance of the Army, Police and Voluntary Services the position would have been much worse.

Following the flooding considerable negotiation took place between the County Council, the Yorkshire Ouse River Board and this Council, and as a result the Rivers Board have had approved by the Ministry a flood prevention scheme which will cost within the region of £10,000 to £12,000, and it is hoped that the West Riding County Council will further improve matters by agreeing to erect a new bridge in place of the old one.

I should again like to express my thanks to the Medical Officer of Health and other members of the staff for their willing co-operation at all times.

I am grateful to the Chairman and all Members of the Council for their continued support.

I remain,  
Your obedient Servant,

F. J. ANDREWS

Surveyor & Public Health Inspector.



## 1. HOUSING

The total number of inhabited houses at the end of the year was 2,125. With a population of 6,238 this gives an average of 2.9 persons per house. The number of council houses was 866.

The Minister gave his decision on the two Appeals against Slum Clearance Areas Nos. 2 and 5, which were heard in 1957, confirming Low Valley (Pitt Street) Slum Clearance Order No. 2 and Darfield (Snape Hill Road) Slum Clearance Order No. 5 with the exception of No. 56 Snape Hill Road.

The Council was anxious to proceed further with its slum clearance programme and Low Valley was again surveyed for this purpose, in particular Hope Street, Providence Street and George Street area. The Council already own the Shroggs Head Site with an area over 8 acres, and it was decided that some 90 dwellings be erected on this site to re-house tenants from the slum clearance properties and also to provide homes for those on the House Waiting Lists, and it is hoped that by the end of 1959 some 60 families will have been re-housed from slum clearance areas.

## 2. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING.

The Council continued to operate as in previous years delegated powers from the West Riding County Council under the Town and Country Planning Act 1947. During the year 105 planning proposals were received and dealt with.

The relationship between the Council and the County Planning Officer was at all times most cordial and no unnecessary delay occurred in arriving at a decision.

Of the 105 plans deposited, 3 were refused on planning grounds and 2 were withdrawn.



Table of Plans approved during the year 1958.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Shops  | 1          |
| Education  | 1          |
| Factory Extension                                  | 1          |
| Commission Agent's Office                          | 1          |
| Garages  | 45         |
| Fence  | 1          |
| Private Houses                                     | 5          |
| Land for Housing Development                       | 5          |
| Private Houses (extensions)                        | 8          |
| Statutory Undertakings<br>(Electricity Board etc.) | 2          |
| Licensed Premises Improvements                     | 1          |
| Sheds  | 29         |
|  | <hr/>      |
| Total ...  | <u>100</u> |

3. HOUSING - HOUSING ACT 1949, SECTION 20.

The amount of grant approved during the year:-

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Number of premises involved | 1    |
| Total cost of work          | £140 |
| Amount of Grant             | £65  |

4. HOUSING - RENT ACT 1957

17 Certificates of Disrepair were issued under the Act during the year and 3 undertakings were given by landlords.

5. SUMMARY OF WORK UNDER HOUSING ACT AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1957.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Total number of houses inspected for defects | 796  |
| Number of housing inspections made           | 1279 |
| Number of informal Notices complied with     | 97   |

6. MILK REGULATIONS 1949.

The following is a list of the licensed distributors of milk in the district.

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Sterilised Milk        | 6 |
| Pastourised Milk       | 2 |
| Tuberculin Tested Milk | 1 |

Samples of milk were subjected to the following test. In every case



The results were satisfactory:-

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Methylene Blue Test | 3 |
| Phosphatase Test    | 4 |
| Sterilised          | 4 |

7. FOOD PREMISES.

The public is becoming increasingly food hygiene conscious and it is hoped that this will have repercussions upon the trade. If the housewife would become more particular where she shopped this would have a welcome effect on the retailer who is not as particular as he might be regarding his habits and standard of hygiene in his premises.

8. FOOD POISONING.

There were no cases of food poisoning reported during the year.

9. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Sewage Disposal Works continued to be run efficiently under Mr. Crowther's management. This proved to be Mr. Crowther's last year of service as he finally decided to retire in March 1959, and it is pleasing to place on record Mr. Crowther's conscientious service to this Council in his capacity of Sewage Works Manager.

The new Pumping Station was affected by infiltration of water during the year and as a result the Council decided to replace the existing horizontal type of pumps by vertical spindle pumps. This meant a very large alteration to the pumping system but has proved to be a success and an answer to the problem.

The future of the Sewage Disposal Works remains unanswered until a final decision is taken whether or not to bring the existing works to modern standards or whether to pump the sewage by arrangement to the Wombwell Urban District Council's Sewage Disposal Works.

10. PUBLIC SCAVENGING.

The system continued as in previous years with a weekly collection. The collection of salvage continued as previously. The salvage sales were as follows:-

|                                   |       |     |    |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|----|
|                                   | £.    | s.  | d. |
| Waste Paper                       | 379.  | 6.  | 0. |
| Rags                              | 18.   | 0.  | 0. |
| Non-Ferrous Scrap & Ferrous Scrap | 68.   | 16. | 7. |
|                                   | £466. | 2.  | 7. |





11. RODENT CONTROL

The number of rodent infestations was again confined to very small numbers, a total of only 22 being dealt with during the year. The normal annual sewer treatments were carried out. Infestation was noted in only a minor degree.

12. COLLIERY SPOIL BANK

During the year the spoil bank at Darfield Main Colliery was entirely quiescent and gave no trouble whatsoever.

13. FACTORIES

There are 5 factories on the register and no formal action was necessary to obtain reasonable conditions.

14. LOANS TO PURCHASE HOUSES.

The Council continued to operate the scheme for loaning money to purchase houses and 13 advances of 90% of the Council's valuation have been made for periods of between 10 to 20 years on properties purchased by private individuals.



## SECTION V

### DIVISIONAL STAFF

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <u>Divisional Medical Officer:</u>        | R. Barnes, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.  |   |
| <u>Assistant County Medical Officers:</u> | T. F. M. Jackson, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.,<br>L.R.F.P.S., D.P.H.<br>S. G. A. Henriques, M.B., Ch. B.  |   |
| <u>Clinic Medical Officers:</u>           | Dr. C. B. Ball,<br>Dr. J. H. Fairclough,<br>Dr. H. W. Gothard,<br>Dr. G. Ingran,<br>Dr. J. Leishman,<br>Dr. K. Mathers,<br>Dr. W. G. S. Maxwell,   | Dr. N. M. Pierey,<br>Dr. J. H. Ritchie,<br>(res. Oct., 1958)<br>Dr. M. Scott<br>Dr. M. E. Tapissier,<br>Dr. L. Taylor,<br>Dr. J. W. Whitworth.  |
| <u>Health Visitors:</u>                   | M. Baker, Miss<br>B. Clarke, Mrs.<br>D. Gibson, Mrs.<br>A. M. Harston, Mrs.<br>B. Hunter, Miss<br>(res. 31.12.58.)<br>M. E. Lee, Miss<br>M. Lloyd, Miss                                  | G. M. Lodge, Mrs.<br>F. A. Manley, Mrs.<br>B. Swift, Miss<br>C. Totty, Mrs.<br>D. Westorman, Miss<br>F. H. Whittlestone, Miss<br>A. M. Widdison, Mrs.   |
| <u>Tuberculosis Health Visitors:</u>      | M. Mellor, Miss  | E. Becker, Mrs.   |
| <u>Midwives:</u>                          | E. Cheetham, Mrs.<br>(res. Dec., 1958)<br>D. Crossley, Miss<br>B. Fitzpatrick, Mrs.<br>C. M. Hill, Mrs.<br>(res. 1.6.53.)<br>I. O. Kilner, Mrs.<br>E. Leather, Mrs.                      | M. Marsland, Mrs.<br>D. Newton, Mrs.<br>E. Parkos, Mrs.<br>E. A. Staley, Mrs.<br>M. Walters, Mrs.<br>E. Ward, Mrs.<br>M. Wroe, Mrs.<br>B. Horsfield, Mrs.   |
| <u>Home Nurses:</u>                       | M. Allen, Mrs.<br>F. G. Cartwright, Mrs.<br>N. C. Crofton, Miss<br>E. Cross, Mrs.<br>R. Edwards, Mrs.<br>Goldthorpe, A.C.Mrs.<br>(App. 1.9.58.)<br>K. M. Hanson, Mrs.<br>(App. 1.11.58.) | M. Johnson, Miss<br>(Res. 31.10.58.)<br>C. D. Lee, Miss<br>M. McConnell, Mrs.<br>H. Padgett, Mrs.<br>B. Parker, Mrs.<br>R. E. Scott, Miss<br>E. A. Walker, Miss<br>K. M. Winterburn, Mrs.<br>(Res. 22.10.58.) |
| <u>Mental Health Social Worker:</u>       | M. Webster, Mrs.   |   |
| <u>Mental Health Home Teacher:</u>        | E. Harrott, Mrs.   |   |
| <u>Speech Therapist:</u>                  | S. Holmes, Mrs.  |   |
| <u>Duly Authorised Officers:</u>          | H. Nettleton, Mr.<br>J. Hyland, Mr.  |   |
| <u>Senior Clerk:</u>                      | L. S. Wrigg, Mr.   |   |



## DIVISIONAL REPORT

### Vital Statistics

I have compiled a comparative table of the vital statistics for each of the County districts comprising Division No. 25, which I feel may be of interest to each separate authority in assessing how they stand in relation to the local figures generally.

#### Births

The number of live births registered in the divisional area in 1958 was 1,329. This is equivalent to a crude birth rate of 17.4 per 1,000. There were 29 stillbirths giving a stillbirth rate of 21.4.

#### Deaths

The deaths assigned to the divisional area, after the addition and deduction of inward and outward transfers was 763, giving a crude death rate for the division of 10.0. You will notice in the table that this is lower than any of the other figures given for individual districts, but the other figures show adjusted rates. Unfortunately, no adjusted rate is available for the division.

#### Infant Mortality

There were 36 infant deaths in the division during the year, of which 24 occurred in the neo-natal period. This gives an infant mortality rate for the division of 27.1.

### Vaccination and Immunisation Statistics

I give a table showing the figures for vaccination and immunisation during 1958. It is pleasing to be able to report that my predictions with regard to increased popularity have proved to be true. In six out of the seven districts there has been an increase in both the number and percentage of children vaccinated against Smallpox, and in all districts there has been a sharp increase in the immunisations against Whooping Cough.

I do not suggest that there is any room for complacency with regard to Smallpox vaccination, but it is pleasing to think that these figures are increasing at a time when Poliomyelitis vaccination is very much to the fore. I have included a separate table on the total position with regard to Poliomyelitis vaccination, as so much of the work and time of the Department has been concentrated on this subject during the year.

### Midwifery and Maternity Services

The number of cases attended by domiciliary midwives was 704. This compares with 618 hospital confinements. The year 1958 showed a marked trend to domiciliary confinements, which coincided with a decline in the midwifery staff available. This was fore-shadowed in last year's report, and conditions in this service have been very difficult. It is not a matter of too many cases for the available midwives, but rather the difficulty of ensuring that our midwifery staff have adequate off-duty time and of providing the necessary cover during such periods. The number of new cases attending ante-natal clinics in the division was 686 and the total number of attendances was 3,896. This is very little different from the relative figures for 1957.



| <u>District</u>                               | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Population</u><br><u>Registrar General's</u><br><u>Estimate Mid. 1958</u> | <u>Adjusted</u><br><u>Birth Rate</u><br><u>per 1,000 pop.</u> | <u>Adjusted</u><br><u>Death Rate</u><br><u>per 1,000 pop.</u> | <u>Stillbirth</u><br><u>Rate</u> | <u>Infant</u><br><u>Death Rate</u> |
|---|--------------|--|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CUDWORTH ... ..                               | 1,746        | 8,870  | 17.7  | 13.9  | 6.1                              | 54.9                               |
| DAVEFIELD ... ..                              | 2,018        | 6,540  | 17.7  | 12.5  | 8.5                              | 8.6                                |
| DAFTON ... ..                                 | 4,726        | 14,680   | 15.7  | 12.9  | 24.9                             | 17.0                               |
| DODWORTH ... ..                               | 1,857        | 4,190  | 15.7  | 15.1  | 29.0                             | 29.9                               |
| ROYSTON ... ..                                | 1,452        | 8,330  | 19.0  | 14.0  | 12.1                             | 24.5                               |
| WOMBWELL ... ..                               | 3,850        | 19,050   | 16.9  | 12.4  | 24.2                             | 31.1                               |
| WOTSBROUGH ... ..                             | 3,420        | 14,620   | 17.9  | 14.0  | 33.2                             | 22.9                               |
| <hr/>   |              |  |   |   |                                  |                                    |
| RATES FOR THE<br>DIVISION ...                 | 20,099       | 76,280   | 17.4<br>(Grade)   | 10.0<br>(Grade)   | 21.4                             | 27.1                               |
| RATES FOR THE<br>ADMINISTRATIVE<br>COUNTY ... |              |  | 16.7  | 11.9  | 22.8                             | 32.0                               |





| <u>District</u>               | <u>Population</u> | <u>Smallpox<br/>Vaccination<br/>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>Whooping Cough<br/>Immunisation<br/>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>Diphtheria Immunisations<br/>Years<br/>0 - 15</u> | <u>Years<br/>0 - 4</u> | <u>Years<br/>5 - 15</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|----------|--|----------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| CUDWORTH ...                  | 8,870             | 42                                      | 25       | 153  | 91       | 80.5   | 48.8                   | 98                      |
| DAREFIELD ...                 | 6,540             | 73                                      | 62       | 91   | 77       | 88.6   | 63.0                   | 99                      |
| DARTON ...                    | 14,680            | 103                                     | 43       | 215  | 91       | 67.1   | 49.6                   | 74.3                    |
| DODWORTH ...                  | 4,190             | 19                                      | 27       | 50   | 70       | 82.3   | 48.7                   | 95.7                    |
| ROKSTON ...                   | 8,330             | 44                                      | 26       | 119  | 70       | 82.9   | 49.6                   | 98                      |
| WOMBWELL ...                  | 19,050            | 133                                     | 40       | 217  | 65       | 73.5   | 41.1                   | 87.4                    |
| WORSBOUGH ...                 | 14,620            | 82                                      | 30       | 173  | 63       | 80   | 53.4                   | 88.5                    |
| RATES FOR THE<br>DIVISION ... | 76,280            | 496                                     | 36       | 1,018  | 74       | 77.7   | 49.4                   | 90.0                    |



POLIO MYELITIS VACCINATION 1958

| District                                    | POSITION AT<br>31st DECEMBER, 1957      |                               | NO OF PERSONS VACCINATED<br>WITH TWO DOSES DURING 1958 |       |                      |                 | POSITION AT 31st DECEMBER, 1958 |                      |               |                |                               |                |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--|-------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
|   | No. of<br>children<br>with two<br>doses | No. of<br>children<br>waiting | Under<br>15  | 15-25 | Expectant<br>Mothers | Other<br>Groups | Total                           | Total<br>under<br>15 | All<br>Others | Grand<br>Total | No. who<br>have had<br>1 dose | No.<br>Waiting |
| Gudworth ...                                | 127                                     | 804                           | 1,311  | 66    | 148                  | -               | 1,525                           | 1,438                | 214           | 1,652          | 121                           | 38             |
| Derfield ...                                | 383                                     | 709                           | 837  | 56    | 56                   | -               | 949                             | 1,220                | 112           | 1,332          | 21                            | 7              |
| Darton ...                                  | 424                                     | 888                           | 768  | 21    | 26                   | 2               | 817                             | 1,192                | 49            | 1,241          | 99                            | 23             |
| Dodworth ...                                | 205                                     | 313                           | 380  | 7     | 5                    | -               | 392                             | 585                  | 12            | 597            | 145                           | 33             |
| Royston ...                                 | 264                                     | 634                           | 800  | 39    | 5                    | -               | 844                             | 1,064                | 44            | 1,108          | 42                            | 37             |
| Wombwell ...                                | 582                                     | 1,534                         | 2,213  | 148   | 40                   | -               | 2,401                           | 2,795                | 188           | 2,983          | 114                           | 33             |
| Worsbrough ...                              | 319                                     | 1,030                         | 1,327  | 44    | 82                   | -               | 1,453                           | 1,646                | 126           | 1,772          | 91                            | 42             |
| Barnsley Grammar<br>School<br>(W.R. Pupils) | -                                       | -                             | 145  | -     | -                    | -               | 145                             | 145                  | -             | 145            | 51                            | 7              |
| Barnsley High<br>School<br>(W.R. Pupils)    | -                                       | -                             | 172  | 69    | -                    | -               | 241                             | 172                  | 69            | 241            | -                             | 2              |
| School of<br>Technology ...                 | -                                       | -                             | -  | -     | -                    | -               | -                               | -                    | -             | -              | -                             | 39             |
| Occupation Centre<br>Wombwell ...           | -                                       | -                             | 12   | -     | -                    | -               | 12                              | 12                   | -             | 12             | -                             | -              |
| DIVISIONAL<br>TOTALS                        | 2,304                                   | 5,912                         | 7,965  | 450   | 362                  | 2               | 8,779                           | 10,269               | 814           | 11,083         | 684                           | 261            |



### Ante-Natal Clinics

The ante-natal clinic at Darfield continued to give satisfactory service during the year when 84 patients made 374 attendances with an average attendance of 66 per session. 313 attendances were made by expectant mothers to relaxation classes run jointly by the midwives and health visitors. In Darfield 35% of the confinements took place in hospital compared with 36.5% in 1957. Attendance at the ante-natal clinic showed a slight rise which probably coincides with the slightly increased number of domiciliary confinements.

### Infant Welfare Clinics

Most of the infant welfare clinics in the division continued to thrive, and 1,347 new cases attended under the age of 1 year. The total number of children attending local health authority clinics was 2,578. These figures are almost identical with 1957.

The infant welfare clinic in Darfield continued to do very good work and 204 children made 3,503 attendances. 124 children were seen for the first time compared with 121 in the previous year. There was again a slight decrease in the attendances at the clinic, but the decrease is so slight as not to be of any real significance. 787 examinations were made by the doctor, an average of 15.7 per session.

### School Health Service

The routine work of the school medical inspections showed a substantial increase over 1957. During 1958, Dr. Jackson was attending part-time at Leeds University and I was allowed to engage Dr. Mathers on a part-time basis to compensate for Dr. Jackson's absence at Leeds. This was a very welcome addition to the staff, but so much medical and clerical time had to be spent on Poliomyelitis vaccination that the routine medical inspection is still not as up-to-date as I would wish it to be. The table shows the work carried out by the school health service during the year.

Specialist clinics continued to be held during the year. Some in this office and some in hospitals by arrangement with the local Hospital Boards.

Speech Therapy continued and there is still much more work to be done in this sphere.



SUMMARY OF DEFECTS FOUND

| District   | No. of children examined | No. Satisfactory | No. Unsatisfactory | DEFECTS FOUND |        |       |             |       |       | Passed for treatment |
|------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|----------------------|
|            |                          |                  |                    | Ocular        | E.N.T. | Heart | Orthopaedic | Lungs | Other |                      |
| GUDMORTH   | ...                      | 753              | -                  | 120           | 70     | 10    | 20          | 20    | 76    | 124                  |
| DARFIELD   | ...                      | 215              | -                  | 26            | 12     | -     | 3           | 6     | 24    | 33                   |
| DARTON     | ...                      | 849              | -                  | 140           | 66     | 10    | 12          | 17    | 57    | 92                   |
| DODMORTH   | ...                      | 304              | -                  | 94            | 22     | 2     | 18          | 18    | 28    | 53                   |
| ROYSTON    | ...                      | 487              | 2                  | 106           | 66     | 12    | 21          | 22    | 74    | 78                   |
| WOMENELL   | ...                      | 578              | 2                  | 132           | 31     | 10    | 17          | 5     | 51    | 103                  |
| MORSBROUGH | ...                      | 422              | 2                  | 79            | 32     | 4     | 23          | 14    | 32    | 77                   |
| TOTAL      | ....                     | 3,608            | 6                  | 697           | 299    | 48    | 114         | 102   | 342   | 560                  |





## SPECIALIST CLINICS

| Clinic               | Darton | Worsbrough | No. of attendances |          |          |          |         |    |     |     |
|----------------------|--------|------------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----|-----|-----|
|                      |        |            | Darfield           | Wombwell | Donworth | Gudworth | Royston |    |     |     |
| OPHTHALMIC           | ...    | ...        | ...                | 201      | 202      | 67       | 278     | 80 | 224 | 113 |
| ORTHOPAEDIC          | ...    | ...        | ...                | 38       | 33       | 9        | 33      | 6  | 51  | 22  |
| EAR, NOSE AND THROAT | ...    | ...        | ...                | 51       | 23       | 3        | 13      | 6  | 26  | 13  |
| PAEDIATRIC           | ...    | ...        | ...                | 4        | 3        | 3        | 15      | 2  | 9   | 5   |
| CHILD GUIDANCE, ...  | ...    | ...        | ...                | 7        | 19       | 1        | 14      | -  | 15  | 5   |



|                 |     |     |     | <u>MINOR AILMENT CLINICS</u> |                          | <u>SCHOOL CLINICS</u>     |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>District</u> |     |     |     | <u>No. of Children</u>       | <u>Total Attendances</u> | <u>No. seen by Doctor</u> |
| DARTON          | ... | ... | ... | 113                          | 147                      | 297                       |
| WORSBROUGH      | ... | ... | ... | 554                          | 572                      | 128                       |
| DARFIELD        | ... | ... | ... | 112                          | 140                      | 177                       |
| WOMBWELL        | ... | ... | ... | 51                           | 64                       | 178                       |
| DODWORTH        | ... | ... | ... | 78                           | 100                      | 48                        |
| CUDWORTH        | ... | ... | ... | -                            | -                        | 138                       |
| ROYSTON         | ... | ... | ... | 88                           | 118                      | 173                       |

#### SPEECH THERAPY

|            |     |     |     | <u>No. of Children.</u> | <u>Total Attendances</u> |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| WORSBROUGH | ... | ... | ... | 7                       | 129                      |
| ROYSTON    | ... | ... | ... | 4                       | 91                       |
| WOMBWELL   | ... | ... | ... | 14                      | 280                      |
| CUDWORTH   | ... | ... | ... | 9                       | 45                       |
| DARTON     | ... | ... | ... | 10                      | 187                      |
| DARFIELD   | ... | ... | ... | 1                       | 16                       |
| DODWORTH   | ... | ... | ... | 3                       | 68                       |

#### Wombwell Special School

|                  |     |     |   |    |
|------------------|-----|-----|---|----|
| Wombwell         | ... | ... | 2 | 67 |
| Darton           | ... | ... | 2 | 65 |
| Darfield         | ... | ... | 1 | 13 |
| Barnsley Borough | ... |     | 2 | 66 |



### Health Visiting

There was some improvement in the staffing position of this service compared with 1957, but nevertheless we are still not up to establishment. There was a sharp fall in the number of visits paid to infants under one year; 8,197 visits being made. The total number of visits made by health visitors increased during the year and 32,549 visits were made of which 22,683 were made to pre-school children.

As in other spheres, Poliomyelitis Vaccination took up a great deal of the health visitors' time during 1958, and I feel that the time is fast approaching when we must consider if such routine work could not be done by some lesser qualified person. It is not generally realised that the health visitor is a qualified nurse, a qualified midwife with a further post-graduate certificate in health visiting.

### Home Nursing

The Home Nurses in the division made 55,223 visits last year. 45,770 of these being to medical cases; 8,562 were to surgical cases and 746 visits were made to tuberculosis patients. The total number of visits made during the year showed a slight decrease, and the number of visits made for the purpose of injections was 23,334. I feel that with the present establishment of Home Nurses a peak has been reached in the number of visits made. There is obviously a limit to the amount of work which can be done by a given number of nurses. The number of visits made to old people over the age of 65 again accounted for nearly 64% of the total visits. 862 visits were made to children under five years of age. The home nursing service, in conjunction with the general practitioners of your area, is undoubtedly making a large contribution towards treating many patients in their own homes. But for this, I am afraid, the problem of chronic sick accommodation might be even worse than it is today.

### Home Help Service

The Home Help Service continued to provide a service mainly for old people. 89% of the help being provided to people of 65 and over. The total number of home help cases was 589, all these cases received a total of 98,880 hours. This represents an average of only 3.2 hours per case. You will appreciate that all these cases were not operating at the same time and during the last half of the year the average number was 438 cases for any one week, an increase of 32 over the previous year. The total number of hours expended rose about 10% in 1958.



MENTAL DEFICIENCY

A. Cases ascertained to be defective and subject to be dealt with during 1958:

Number in which action was taken on reports by:

|  | <u>Under</u><br><u>16 yrs.</u> |   | <u>Over</u><br><u>16 yrs.</u> |   |
|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
|  | M                              | F | M                             | F |
| i. Local Education Authority:  |                                |   |                               |   |
| (a) While at school or liable to attend school.     ...     ...     ...      | 3                              | 1 | -                             | - |
| (b) On leaving Special School     ...  | -                              | - | 2                             | - |
| (c) On leaving Ordinary School     ...                                       | 5                              | 3 | -                             | - |
| ii. Police or by the Courts     ...     ...                                  | -                              | - | -                             | - |
| iii. Other sources (transfers from other districts, re-ascertainments, etc.) | 1                              | - | 3                             | 5 |
|  | 9                              | 4 | 5                             | 5 |

B. Particulars of cases removed from Register during 1958:

|   |   |   |    |    |
|---|---|---|----|----|
| i. By reason of death     ...     ...     ... | - | - | -  | -  |
| ii. De-classified     ...     ...     ...     | - | - | 11 | 8  |
| iii. Removal to Mental Deficiency Hospitals   | 3 | 1 | -  | -  |
| iv. Transfers to other districts     ...      | 1 | - | 1  | 2  |
|   | 4 | 1 | 12 | 10 |

C. Particulars of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1958:

|   |    |    |    |    |
|---|----|----|----|----|
| i. Statutory Supervision     ...     ...                                | 21 | 19 | 54 | 61 |
| ii. Voluntary Supervision     ...     ...                               | -  | -  | 17 | 21 |
| iii. Under Guardianship     ...     ...     ...                         | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| iv. On Licence from Mental Deficiency Hospitals     ...     ...     ... | -  | 1  | -  | -  |
|   | 21 | 19 | 71 | 82 |

It will be seen from the foregoing figures that 19 mentally handicapped persons were removed from The Statutory Supervision and Voluntary Supervision Registers during the year. This was a direct result from re-assessment of mentally handicapped who had worked regularly after leaving school and who it was felt were able to cope with every day happenings. The parents of the mentally handicapped concerned were appreciative of the fact that supervision was no longer necessary particularly as they are aware of the fact that if help should be needed in future application has only to be made to the Mental Health Service. It is felt that the boys and girls who are ascertained on leaving school as feeble-minded should on proving their ability to fit in with a normal community pattern be given the chance of re-assessment either at 18 years or 21 years of age, and I hope that in future years it will be possible to re-assess further mentally handicapped with this view in mind. Many parents although appreciating the fact that continued interest is being shown in their children after leaving school, however do feel the stigma of having their children assessed as mentally deficient, and if they are aware of the fact that re-assessment can take place in future years, I feel that they will accept the ascertainment with much happier feelings.





## TRAINING FACILITIES FOR MENTAL DEFECTIVES

### Particulars of Mental Defectives attending Occupation Centres on the 31st December, 1958

| <u>Centre</u> | <u>Supervisor</u> | <u>Under 16 years</u> |          | <u>Over 16 years</u> |          |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
|               |                   | <u>M</u>              | <u>F</u> | <u>M</u>             | <u>F</u> |
| Wombwell      | Mrs. E. Large     | 7                     | 9        | 3                    | 3        |
| Hemsworth     | Miss Porter       | 2                     | 3        | 1                    | -        |
| Barnsley C.B. | Miss Smith        | 6                     | 1        | 1                    | 4        |
|               |                   | 15                    | 13       | 5                    | 7        |

All the children, with the exception of one, under the age of 16 years who are able to benefit from training at Occupation Centres are in regular attendance either at the Barnsley, Hemsworth or Wombwell Occupation Centres. A special 'bus is run to bring the children into the Wombwell Occupation Centre, and the children attending the Barnsley and Hemsworth Occupation Centres are either accompanied by parents or a paid escort. Any travelling expenses involved either by the child or parent are covered by the West Riding County Council. In line with the Education Authority free meals are provided where the family income is low, other wise a charge of 1s. 0d. per day is made for the provision of dinner. No financial assistance is given towards the provision of clothing.

#### WOMBWELL OCCUPATION CENTRE

During the year the number of children in attendance at the Wombwell Occupation Centre was 28, and the following table shows the age groups attending:

|         | <u>7</u>    | <u>8</u>    | <u>9</u>    | <u>10</u>   | <u>11</u>   | <u>12</u>   | <u>13</u>   | <u>14</u>   | <u>15</u>   | <u>16</u>   | <u>17</u>   | <u>18</u>   | <u>19</u>   | <u>20</u>   | <u>21</u>   |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|         | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> | <u>VRS.</u> |
| Males   | 3           | -           | 2           | 4           | 1           | -           | -           | -           | 1           | 1           | -           | 2           | -           | -           | -           |
| Females | 1           | -           | 1           | -           | -           | 3           | 3           | 1           | 2           | -           | 1           | -           | -           | 1           | -           |

The average daily attendance has been 75% there having been 3 regular absentees, one of whom has transferred now from the Occupation Centre.

The Parents' Association has been very active and has raised money which has been spent on social amenities for the Children and the Centre. Mention also should be made of the active support given by the Wombwell Branch of the Society of Mentally Handicapped Children, Rotary and the Church Movements.

The Supervisor and the two Nursery Assistants have worked hard during the year and a happy atmosphere has been achieved between the Staff, children and parents.

An outing to Mablethorpe was enjoyed in June, despite inclement weather conditions. Again the weather could have marred the Open Day, which was to have been held in the grounds of The Gables, but as a result of hasty arrangements and the co-operation of the Chapel Trustees, the Concert was held in the local Sunday School and the 'Day' was saved.

An evening Nativity Play and Christmas Concert was given by the Children at a local Chapel, which was well attended by parents and friends, and the proceeds went towards an excellent Christmas Party for the children.



## GROUP TRAINING

Facilities for training adult mentally handicapped who are unable to attend Occupation Centres are provided by Group Training Classes held in various parts of the Division, or in case of physical handicap or domestic commitments by home visits.

There are four classes, and many of the adult mentally handicapped attend all classes and are issued with travel vouchers. Classes are held in the following districts:

|          |                       |  |
|----------|-----------------------|--|
| Monday   | 9.30 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. | Darby and Joan Club, Royston.<br>(Mrs. E. Harroott)      |
| Tuesday  | 9.30 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. | Parish Hall, Wombwell<br>(Mrs. E. Harroott)              |
| Thursday | 9.30 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. | Ambulance Hall, Worsbrough Bridge.<br>(Mrs. E. Harroott) |
| Friday   | 9.30 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. | Old School Clinic, Darton                                |

In an endeavour to bring the Group Classes in line with the Occupation Centres, a meeting of parents was called in October and as a result a Parents' Association was formed under the name of the West Riding Mental Health (Division No. 25) Association. The Association has so far raised funds to take the adult mentally handicapped who attend group classes or who are visited at home, to a Pantomime in the Early New Year.

Also in order to further interest in the work carried out at the Group Classes a small exhibition of the work done was staged at the Divisional Office, and I was impressed by the support given, particularly in view of the fact that there was little publicity. The support was such that it is considered that it would be worthwhile to stage an Annual Exhibition covering every aspect of Mental Health Work.

I would like to make mention here of the support given to the Occupation Centre and the Group Training Classes by the Parents' Associations, the N.A.M.H. of Wombwell and Barnsley, the Rotary and Inner Wheel of Wombwell.

As a matter of general interest, I set out on the next page the disposal of all mentally handicapped on the Supervision Register for the whole division.

## ACCOMMODATION

During the past year 12 cases have been admitted to Mental Deficiency Hospitals for short stay periods. I am pleased to say that the facilities are gradually extending as it is a great boon both to the Local Authority and the parents to feel that short-stay accommodation is available in emergency or in order to give the parents a brief respite.

Due to the opening of the Children's Mental Deficiency Hospital at Dronfield two of the urgent cases have been accommodated, but there are still two children awaiting urgent accommodation, but I am hopeful that the situation will become easier during 1959. The Sheffield Regional Hospital Board despite the still overcrowded conditions do their best to give every assistance in providing vacancies. However, on two occasions during the year, due to the impossible bed position, the Leeds Regional Hospital Board have come to the help of the Division and have offered beds in their Region.

As a result of the Royal Commissioners' Report many cases in hospitals have been reviewed and next of kin were visited with a view to obtaining their reaction to the suggestion that patients be discharged and re-admitted on an "informal" basis. Many regarded this step with alarm as they felt the patients needed supervision which they could not provide. However, on assurance that the patient would still remain in hospital, but on a purely voluntary basis they were agreeable to the discharge of Order. So far 21 patients from this division who are in Mental Deficiency Hospitals have been discharged and re-admitted as Informal patients. The four mentally handicapped who were admitted permanently during the year all were admitted as informal patients.



DISPOSAL OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ON THE  
SUPERVISION REGISTER FOR THE WHOLE DIVISION

| <u>Age Groups</u> | <u>Receiving Training</u><br><u>O.C. G.T. H.T.</u> | <u>Working</u> | <u>Assisting</u><br><u>in the home</u> | <u>Training</u><br><u>offers refused</u> | <u>Unable to be trained</u><br><u>because of physical</u><br><u>or mental disability</u> | <u>Still in</u><br><u>ordinary</u><br><u>school</u> |
|-------------------|--|----------------|--|--|--|---|
| <u>FEMALES:</u>   |  |                |  |  |  |   |
| Under 16 years    | 13   | -              | -                                      | -  | 2  | 1   |
| Over 16 years     | 7  | 25             | 16                                     | 10                                       | 16   | 4   |
|                   |  |                |  |  | 4  | -   |
| <u>MALES:</u>     |  |                |  |  |  |   |
| Under 16 years    | 15   | -              | -                                      | 2  | -  | 2   |
| Over 16 years     | 5  | 5              | 4                                      | 39                                       | 3  | 10  |
|                   |  |                |  |  | 4  | 4   |
|                   |  |                |  |  |  | 1   |
| TOTALS            | 40   | 30             | 20                                     | 53                                       | 19   | 14  |
|                   |  |                |  |  |  | 12  |
|                   |  |                |  |  |  | 4   |

(Provision has yet to be made for one girl under 16 years of age for training purposes).



MENTAL HEALTH AFTER-CARE SERVICE

Particulars relating to discharges  
from Mental Hospitals during the Year.

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|               |     |     |     | (Vol.)<br><u>SECTION I.</u> |    | (Cert.)<br><u>SECTION 16</u> |    | <u>DEATHS</u> |    |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|---------------|----|
|               |     |     |     | M.                          | F. | M.                           | F. | M.            | F. |
| Storthes Hall | ... | ... | ... | 18                          | 25 | 7                            | 13 | 2             | 3  |
| Stanley Royd  | ... | ... | ... | 6                           | 3  | -                            | -  | 1             | -  |
| Middlewood    | ... | ... | ... | 4                           | -  | -                            | -  | 1             | -  |
| Scalebor Park | ... | ... | ... | -                           | 1  | -                            | -  | -             | -  |
| TOTALS        |     |     |     | 28                          | 29 | 7                            | 13 | 4             | 3  |

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Of the above discharges 60 were visited with a view to after care, and disposal was as below:

|                          |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| After Care Register      | ... | ... | ... | 34 |
| Re-admission to Hospital | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| After care not required  | ... | ... | ... | 13 |

At the end of the year there were 49 on the active after-care register, and approximately 258 visits were carried out by the Mental Health Social Worker. In addition to these visits, which at times have of necessity to be lengthy, there have been many short casual calls which are not recorded.

It would appear that after-care is taking an increasing amount of time, and will become of greater importance in Preventive Medicine as the years progress.







